

## House Resolution No. 1652

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Rodney Douglas Smith of Columbia, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on April 13, 2008, in Columbia; and

**Whereas**, on April 27, 1928, in Freeman, God brought a special gift to Liggon William and Clara Angeline DeField Smith with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Rodney, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Rodney Smith will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Alberta Fryer Smith and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Rodney Smith has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include six children, Dale Smith, Sharol Nuckols, Amy Jo Blaha, Leslie McKenna, Gale Boyea, and Lynda Baumgartner; seventeen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Rodney Smith has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being the owner of Smith's Tree Service, a longtime member of Memorial Baptist Church, a former Mayor of Columbia, a retired member of the 5503rd United States Air Force, a former Boone County Commissioner, and a longtime volunteer for Camp Cedarcrest and the Little Bonne Femme Association; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 80, Rodney Smith is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Rodney Smith at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Rodney Douglas Smith, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Robb  
District No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1652, adopted April 8, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker